Introduced by Senator Strickland

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28—Relative to the Correctional Officer Scott Williams Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 28, as introduced, Strickland. Correctional Officer Scott Williams Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 1 in Lompoc as the Correctional Officer Scott Williams Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, On April 3, 1997, Federal Correctional Officer
- 2 Scott Williams was violently murdered by an inmate while working
- 3 as a Federal Correctional Officer at the United States Penitentiary
- 4 in Lompoc; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Officer Williams died needlessly at a very young
- 6 age; and
- 7 WHEREAS, It is important to remember Officer Williams and
- 8 to honor the contributions he made to our country; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Officer Williams was born in Ventura and
- 10 graduated from Lompoc High School in 1986; and

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1 WHEREAS, Upon graduating from high school, Officer

- 2 Williams enlisted in and honorably served the United States Marine
- 3 Corps, receiving numerous awards for his outstanding service; and
 4 WHEREAS Officer Williams married his high school
- WHEREAS, Officer Williams married his high school sweetheart, Kristy, in March of 1990; and
 - WHEREAS, In December of 1990, Officer Williams, as a reservist, was called to active duty to serve in Operation Desert Storm and received the "Marine of the Year" award; and
 - WHEREAS, After serving his country overseas, Officer Williams returned to serve his country at home; and
 - WHEREAS, Upon his return, Officer Williams began working for the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Lompoc as a Federal Correctional Officer in 1993 and was selected as a member of the Special Operations Response Team; and
 - WHEREAS, Officer Williams and his wife Kristy were blessed with two beautiful daughters, Kaitlin and Kallee, who were just five years old and eleven months old when Officer Williams was killed; and
 - WHEREAS, Officer Williams was actively involved in his community, where he volunteered with the local Men's Club and the Lions Club; and
 - WHEREAS, Upon his death, Officer Williams was laid to rest at Los Alamos Cemetery in Los Alamos, where services brought thousands of mourners from across the country including friends, family, fellow officers, the United States Attorney General, and other officials to honor Officer Williams and pay their respects; and
 - WHEREAS, Officer Williams is survived by his widow Kristy, his daughters Kaitlin and Kallee, and his parents, Jim and Aida Williams; and
 - WHEREAS, Officer Williams' death is a tragic reminder that the law enforcement officers who serve the public risk their lives on a daily basis; and
 - WHEREAS, We can only hope that this small tribute to Officer Williams and his family serves as a reminder of his sacrifice and that the safety of all of our law enforcement officers is a matter of statewide and national concern; now, therefore, be it
- 38 Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly 39 thereof concurring, That the northbound and southbound portion 40 of State Highway Route 1 between the California Boulevard exit

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and the Santa Lucia Canyon Road/Floradale Road exit in Lompoc is hereby designated the Correctional Officer Scott Williams Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.